

North Rainier (Mt. Baker) Neighborhood Plan Update

Themes from March 21st Workshop & Ongoing Outreach

The overall themes are intended to reflect the community's aspirations for the future of their community as expressed in the March 21st workshop and at ongoing outreach meetings. They do not replace existing Neighborhood Plan Goals and Policies. They provide update guidance for the plan leading to the development of additional Goals and Policies, and recommended strategies.

Create a town center that is a destination and provides neighborhood-serving retail and services.

The core will be a destination where people will go for multiple errands as well socializing and recreating (dining, entertainment, etc.)

Allow sufficient housing density to create vibrant town center.

Support a mix of businesses and services that meet the needs of the neighborhood and larger SE community (e.g. from small shops, family restaurants to clothing stores & Fred Meyer).

Create new employment opportunities for residents, teens and new people entering the workforce.

Make North Rainier a "Green Hub" with green jobs, development, a healthy community.

Position North Rainier as a green tech hub. (e.g. a green focused UW Extension campus that creates green jobs with livable wages)

Development should support the environment by building green and providing live/work space.

Create culturally appropriate education program on climate change.

Provide Affordable Housing Options

Provide affordable housing and commercial space.

Provide affordable options for all housing types.

Provide affordable housing for people with disabilities close to the Link station.

Create safe pedestrian and bicycle connections within and to the Town Center

Create connections to neighborhoods and between businesses.

Provide better pedestrian lighting

Make Rainier more attractive and safer for walking and biking

Make wide sidewalks with cafes/tables on sidewalks.

Have pedestrian friendly store fronts.

Reroute traffic off Rainier to MLK, around east side of Lowes, to create a pedestrian "main street."

Keep bus service between stations and to stations.

Improve accessibility

Use universal design to create accessible routes to Link station and Town Center.

Make parks accessible and provide elements that are relevant for people living with disabilities.

Provide benches for people living with disabilities.
Provide good bus service for transit-dependent populations.

Improve Parks and Recreation Facilities and Programming

Establish its setting among excellent open spaces as an identifying trait of the Town Center by emphasize links to these features.
Establish a community center that facilitates “inter-cultural” experiences and activities (including night) for youth.
Provide a variety small public spaces within Town Center including, urban playscapes, and informal & formal parks.
Improve programming of parks.
Promote P-Patches.

Support the continued ethnic diversity represented in the businesses and community

Re-use existing buildings to retain affordability
Develop a community center that facilitates “inter-cultural” event and youth activities.
Provide more school facilities that meet the needs of the immigrant and refugees.
Provide better access to government services i.e. ESL and job training programs.
Encourage a multi-cultural shopping area such as Grand Central Market, Los Angeles.
Need an assistance program for establishing/expanding ethnic businesses and to help them draw on a wider clientele.
Create internships with city and diverse community teens to bridge translation issues.

Neighborhood Safety

Add more eyes on the street by creating a more lively Town Center.
Make sure Link station is safe.
Create safer sidewalks.
Need more police, pedestrian scaled lighting, people on streets
Need to address gang violence.

